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1. MISOFF IN CONVERSATION WITH SIR ROBERT JACKSON

BROUGHT UP POINTS REQUESTED REF (1). SIR ROBERT'S
COMMENTS FOLLOW.

2. WITH REGARD QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS SIR ROBERT

INDICATED THAT SO LITTLE ASSISTANCE HAD TO DATE BEEN
PROVIDED PRG AND KHMER ROUGE AREAS THAT QUESTION OF
SAFEGUARDS HAS NOT ARisen; BUT WITH REGARD SMALL AMOUNTS
PROVIDED, THERE HAVE BEEN IN HIS JUDGMENT FEW IF ANY
SLIPS. HE INDICATED THAT HE SHARED USG CONCERN REGARD-
ING SAFEGUARDS SHOULD THE UN RELIEF EFFORT IN THE PRG
AREA REACH A SIZABLE MAGNITUDE, BUT WENT ON TO SAY THAT
ON BASIS HIS EXPERIENCE IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES HE
REASONABLY SURE THAT AUTHORITARIAN NATURE OF REGIME
PROBABLY WILL RESULT IN REASONABLY GOOD DISTRIBUTION
(I.E., RELIEF SUPPLIES BEING FOLDED IN TO REGULAR
RATIONING MECHANISMS) AND GOOD ACCOUNTING. ALSO WENT
ON TO SAY THAT ON BASIS HIS EXPERIENCE THAT A WRITTEN
AGREEMENT BETWEEN DONOR AND COMMUNIST RECIPIENT PROBABLY
NOT THE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT THIS BUSINESS, AND A
"GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" SEEMED TO WORK JUST AS WELL.
HE REITERATED AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT SHOULD PRG RELIEF

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EFFORT BE SIZEABLE THAT UN WOULD HAVE TO BUILD IN SAFE-

GUARDS, BUT THAT THESE WOULD FLOW FROM "UNDERSTANDINGS,"
PROBABLY NOT WRITTEN ASSURANCES. THERE ARE NO "UNDER-
STANDINGS" NOW, SINCE UN NOT SURE WHAT SIZE OF PRG
RELIEF EFFORT WOULD AMOUNT TO.

3. CHANGING SUBJECT SIR ROBERT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS.
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